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Applicant: Brian Bowman
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For: End-Face Seal For Graphite Electrodes
Group Art Unit: 3742
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Customer No. 23456

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 22, 2005 for the above-referenced application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.